

Remarks

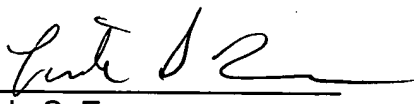
By the above amendment, kit claim 21 has been canceled to reduce issues and claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 14, 28, 29, and 30 have been amended to replace "corresponding to" with "set forth in". This amendment is necessary and was not earlier presented because it addresses the Examiner's remarks first made in the final Office Action regarding the interpretation of the claim terminology "corresponding to".

In particular, the Examiner finally rejected claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 14, 21, and 28-30 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, on two grounds, namely: (i) as containing subject matter not described in the specification as reasonably conveying possession of the claimed subject matter; and (ii) as lacking enablement for the full scope of the claimed subject matter. These claims were also rejected under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being indefinite due to the recitation of "corresponding to" and due to an ambiguous Markush recitation in claim 21. Additionally, claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, and 28-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Antalis et al. (WO 98/36054), and claims 14 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious from Antalis et al. in view of Burgess et al. (US 6,165,771). From the Examiner's comments in making these rejections, it is apparent that they all hinge on the recitation of "corresponding to", except for the rejection for indefiniteness of claim 21, which has been canceled.

Applicant believes that the above amendment obviates each of the outstanding grounds of rejection. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendment and allowance of the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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